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1. The Jeloz Motor Vehicle Works (Jelozanskie Zaklady Samochodowe) in Jeloz (Jeltsch - P52/G71), approximately 20 km. southeast of Wroclaw (Breslau), were built by the Germans during the war and completed in the beginning of 1943. The factory was known as the Berta Works and was a branch of Krupp in Essen. The plant repaired guns and armored vehicles for the German Army. After the war the plant was taken over by the Russians and was probably used for similar purposes. It was dismantled in 1948; the machines, except for a few large ones, were removed to the USSR.
2. The plant remained in ruins until February 1952 and was then taken over by the MBP (Ministry of Public Security). At the same time the reconstruction work was started on the plant, a large prison camp, known as Budowa 315, was being constructed. The prison camp was to accommodate 10,000 prisoners; it was built exclusively by prisoners, approximately 1,200, and was completed in September 1952. It is believed that only prisoners with long sentences are to be brought to this camp.
3. Hall No. 2 of the factory was completed in April 1952, was equipped with machinery, and put into operation. Only repairs to trucks and building machinery are being carried out in this hall at present. Approximately 1,000 short-term prisoners are engaged in this work.

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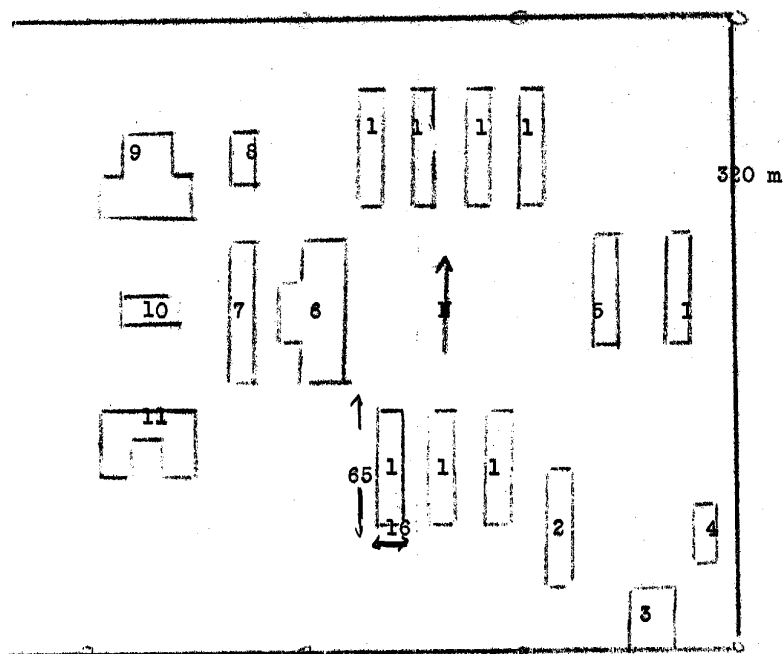
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Sketch No. 1

Zelozanskie Zaklady Samochodowe



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Legend to sketch No. 1.

1. Three-story houses for prisoners, each house with 18 dormitories containing 50 beds. In case of necessity even more beds can be put in.
2. Building with administration offices of the prison camp.
3. Entrance, guard and garages.
4. Prisoners' cells.
5. Hospital.
6. Dining room with a theater; kitchen.
7. Laundry; baths; clothing store.
8. Food store.
9. Boiler house for central heating.
10. Flour store.
11. Bakery.

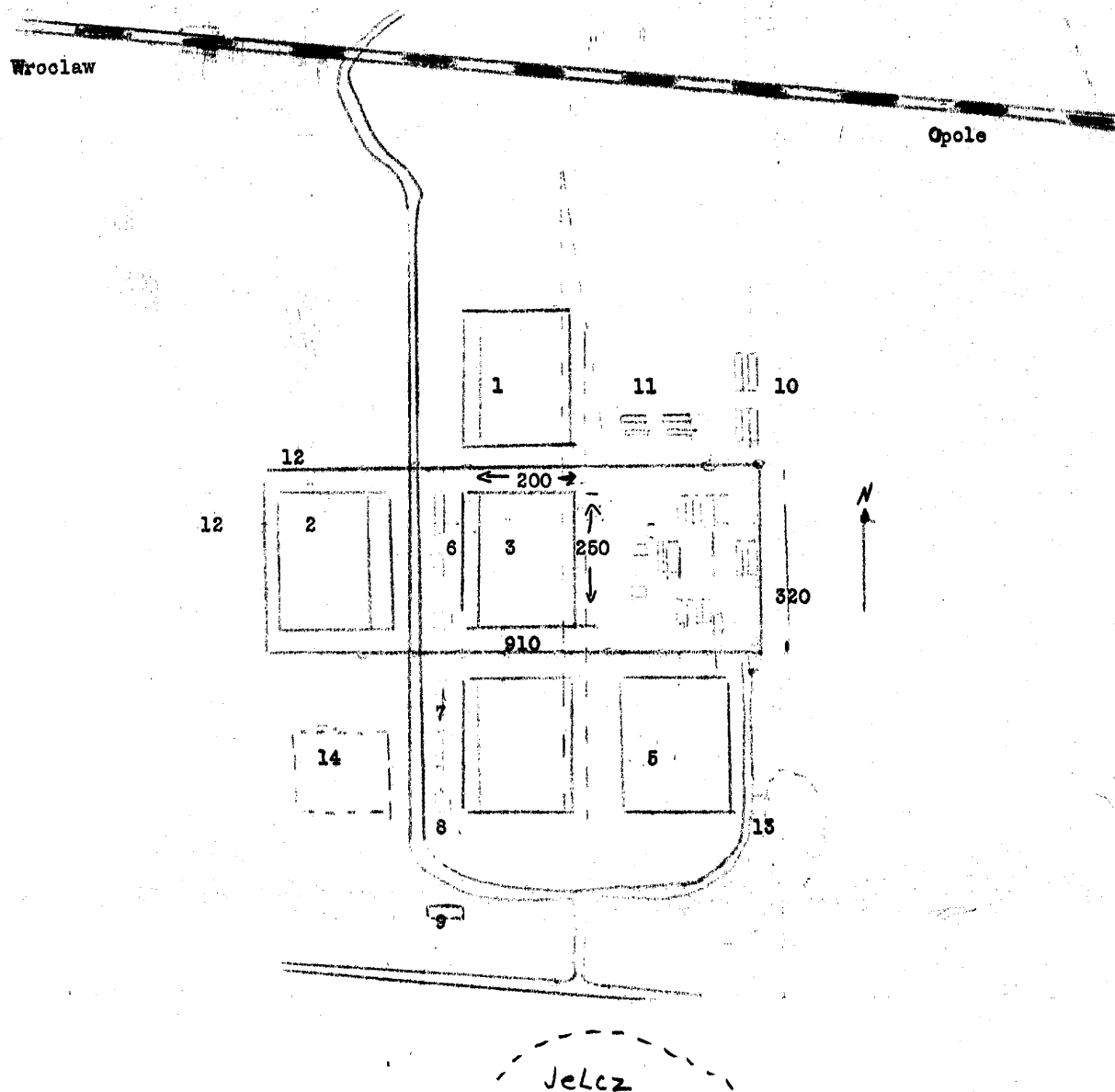
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Sketch No. 2



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Legend to Sketch No. 2

1. Warehouse, 250 by 200 m., put into service in April 1952. The walls are of brick, the roof of wooden beams with artificial insulation plates with a double layer of roofing cardboard.
2. Workshop, 240 by 200 m., put into service in April 1952. The machinery is only used for repairs to trucks and building machines. The walls of the building are brick, the floor and the girders, concrete. The roof is as described above.
3. Factory hall under construction in summer 1952. The outside walls and cement pillars are ready. roof trusses of reinforced concrete, prefabricated sections, also concrete plates, are to be used as covering with roofing cardboard on top. The construction work is being carried out by civilian workers. 25X1
4. Hall, in ruins. ¹ The walls and concrete pillars and approximately 50 percent of the roof still stand. No reconstruction work has been carried out to this hall. In the western extension, the former offices on the second floor are at present used as bedrooms, dining room, and sitting room for prison officials.
5. Hall, the major part of which is damaged; without roof and only part of the outside walls. At present the MBF construction office is located in the western extension of the building on the second floor.
6. Temporary buildings (with front extension of Hall No. 3) which at first served for administration purposes and also for accommodation of prisoners while the prison camp was under construction.
7. KBW (Internal Security Corps), quarters, approximately one company.
8. Water pumping station for the entire factory complex.
9. Former heating plant. The buildings, though in a good state of repair, are without equipment.
10. Projected summer living quarters for prison officials.
11. Pig sties.
12. Prison wall, 320 by 910 m. which surrounds Halls 2 and 3 and the prison camp. The wall is approximately 6 m. high, and the width is equal to two bricks; topped by broken glass. Watch towers are located at intervals of 80 to 100 m.; these are manned by members of the KBW.
13. Area mainly used for scrap trucks and buses.
14. Foundations for buildings originally planned by the Germans.

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